

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend page 1 of the specification, line 1 with the following:

SERIES APPARATUS FOR FORMING LYERED FIBROUS MAT OF DIFFERING
FIBERS AND CONTROLLED SURFACES

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/028,189,
filed on December 20, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,736,914, issued on May 18, 2004.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning with “To accomplish...” on page 7 of the
specification, line 11 with the following:**

To accomplish the transfer of layered fiber portions from one spaced, perforated rotating collector 11 to the next adjacent collector 11, longitudinally extending idler rolls 13 are positioned between collectors [[9]] 11. These idler rolls 13 are positioned relative to the three spaced rotating collectors 11, in accordance with one feature of the present invention, so that the layered mat portion formed on the peripheral surface of a preceding rotatable collector 11 passes from its first cross-sectional quadrant in its rotational direction in oriented fashion along spaced idler rolls 13 to an adjacent rotatable spaced collector 11 so as to be fed to such adjacent rotatable collector 11 along the fourth cross-sectional quadrant – that is advantageously between

approximately ninety (90°) degrees of a preceding cross-sectional quadrant to an approximately two hundred seventy (270°) degrees of an adjacent, following collector cross-sectional quadrant.

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, line 1, beginning with “In a manner...” with the following:

In a manner similar to that of co-pending application Serial No. 09/635,310, filed on August 9, [[2000]] 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,596,205, issued on July 22, 2003, a direction and external vortically creating force in the form of counter-clockwise rotational, cylindrical drum 16, which is of smaller surface than the clockwise rotational cylindrical collector 11. The drum 16 is gap-spaced a preselected distance from collector 11 so as to exert an external vortically creating force on a preselected portion of the multiple fiber sheet before that portion is reformed on collector 11 to join the remaining portions of the multiple fiber sheet. This action of counter-rotational diverter drum 16 serves to curl the fibers when returned to the rotatable collector 11. It is to be understood that the diverting arrangement as shown, as well as such other diverting arrangements disclosed in the aforementioned co-pending application, can be employed with the collectors as shown and with other collectors which might be added to the overall mat forming structures.